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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

48 CFR Parts 1528 and 1552

[FRL-5517-4]

Acquisition Regulation; Bonds and Insurance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is removing from the EPA Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) (48 CFR Chapter 15) clauses for insurance for liability to third parties for Superfund response action contractors.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Agency is eliminating from its acquisition regulation outdated and unnecessary material, which will no longer be used. This final rule eliminates coverage and clauses on Insurance, Liability to Third Persons, for commercial organizations and state and local governments performing as response action contractors in Superfund. The Agency Final Guidelines for Superfund Response Action Contractor Indemnification, issued on January 25, 1993, rendered these clauses obsolete. As a result of the guidelines, the Agency may currently indemnify response action contractors only in limited circumstances, primarily where it can show a lack of competition in response to a solicitation directly attributable to the absence of any indemnification provisions.

B. Executive Order 12866

The final rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866; therefore, no review is required by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this final rule does

not contain information collection requirements that require the approval of OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

D. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The EPA certifies that this final rule does not exert a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The requirements to contractors under the final rule impose no reporting, recordkeeping, or any compliance costs.

E. Unfunded Mandates

This final rule will not impose unfunded mandates on state or local entities, or others.

The provisions of this regulation are issued under 5 U.S.C. 301; 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1528 and 1552

Government procurement.

Therefore, 48 CFR Chapter 15 is amended as set forth below:

PART 1528—[REMOVED]

1. Under the authority of 33 U.S.C. 1361(a), Part 1528 is removed.

PART 1552—[AMENDED]

2. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 1552 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390 as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

3. Part 1552 is amended to delete sections: 1552.228-70, 1552.228-71, 1552.228-72, & 1552.228-73.

Dated: May 13, 1996.

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Director, Office of Acquisition Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Parts 571 and 574

[Docket No. 96-57, Notice 01]

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Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: New Pneumatic Tires; Retreaded Pneumatic Tires; New Pneumatic Tires for Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars; Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars; Tire Identification and Recordkeeping

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Technical amendment.

SUMMARY: The technical amendments herein amend four Federal motor vehicle safety standards and the regulation on tire identification and recordkeeping to delete obsolete dates, update statutory citations, correct typographical errors, and update the designations of the offices to which requests and reports are submitted.

The changes effected by these technical amendments are in accordance with the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative of March 4, 1994, which directed Federal departments and agencies to eliminate unneeded regulations or parts thereof and update those that are to remain in effect.

DATES: These amendments are effective July 11, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical issues: Robert M. Clarke, Chief, Vehicle Dynamics Division, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-5281; FAX (202) 366-4329.

For legal issues: Walter Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590; telephone (202) 366-2992; FAX (202) 366-3820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 4, 1994 the President issued a directive entitled "Regulatory Reinvention Initiative" to the heads of all Federal departments and agencies directing them to review all regulations for which they are responsible in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The review was intended to delete